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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 16, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects invention II (claims 15 and 16, drawn to an audio system for virtual processing), for continued examination without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully solicited.

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